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MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR JANET NAPOLITANO

RE: Final Report of the Arizona Veteran's Research Council

The Arizona Veterans Task Force, established by Executive Order 2005-15, dated June 17, 2005, addressed many issues relevant to the veterans of the State of Arizona. Several concerns were tabled for further research and study. The Arizona Veteran's Research Council was formed to provide that research and make recommendations.

In accordance with Executive Order 2007-08, dated January 30, 2007, which formed the Arizona Veteran's Research Council, I respectfully submit this final report. The Council reviewed five specific areas. They include: Homeless Veterans; Women Veterans; Disabled Veterans; Rural Veterans; and the Reserve Components.

This report will provide background information and statistical data relevant to the veteran's population in the State of Arizona as it relates to the aforementioned areas. In addition to these areas, several recommendations concerning veterans in general, are offered.

The members of the Veteran's Research Council and I appreciate the opportunity you have provided enabling us to study veteran's issues and provide input. We thank you for your time and attention, and for the importance you place on addressing the concerns and needs of our State's veteran population.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Maxon
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cc: Anna Chavez, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
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